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BUILDING SYSTEMS (10.02)

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1. ON APRIL 5 EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER (DATED APRIL 3)
FROM THERENT'YEV FOR HANCOCK ON VISIT OF US DELEGATION
IN SUBJECT WORKING GROUP. INFORMAL EMBASSY SUMMARY AND
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS PARA TWO BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED
TO HANCOCK, REGISTRY NO. 952762.

2. DEAR MRS. HANCOCK: THE COCHAIRMAN OF THE 10.02 WORKING
GROUP, YU. RODIN, ACCEPTS YOUR SUGGESTION TO ARRANGE THE
SESSION FROM MAY 28-JUNE 6. I ASSUME THAT THE SUGGES-
TIONS MADE BY THE SOVIET COCHAIRMAN ON MARCH 14 REGARDING
AGENDA AND ITINERARY ARE ACCEPTABLE. WE WILL SHORTLY SEND
A DETAILED ITINERARY TO MISS SHLALA. I BELIEVE THAT AFTER
THE SESSION THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE NAMED "SYSTEMS OF
ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT." (SISTEMI INZHENERNOGO OBOBUDO-
VANIYA) AND THAT A WORKING PLAN FOR BOTH PROJECTS WILL BE
CONFIRMED. I HOPE TO RECEIVE SHORTLY INFORMATION ABOUT THE
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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FLIGHTS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION OF
SIX - SEVEN PERSONS, AND ITS COMPOSITION.

3. THERENT'YEV INFORMED EMBOFF THAT SOVIETS WILL PROPOSE
VISITS TO KIEV AND TBILISI AS PER REF B. HE CLAIMED THAT
IT WOULD NOT BE "USEFUL" FOR US DELEGATION TO VISIT TASH-
KENT AND ASHKABAD AS US COCHAIRMAN REQUESTED IN REF C.

TERENT'YEV SAID THAT THE GROUP COULD DISCUSS SOLAR ENERGY IN TBILISI. HOWEVER, IF US DELEGATION IS INTERESTED IN SOLAR ENERGY, WE RECOMMEND THAT US CONTINUE TO REQUEST VISITS MENTIONED IN REF C. IMPORTANCE OF A VISIT TO ASHKABAD IS REINFORCED BY MARCH 23 TASS STORY, WHICH NOTED THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S FIRST SOLAR ELECTRIC POWER STATION IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR ASHKABAD AND THAT A RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX USING SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING IS BEING BUILT IN ASHKABAD ITSELF.

4. VISIT TO ASHKABAD WOULD PROVIDE US SPECIALISTS WITH ACCESS TO APPARENTLY MOST ADVANCED SOVIET TECHNOLOGY IN SOLAR ENERGY FIELD. THE SOVIETS ARE NOT HESITANT ABOUT SUGGESTING VISITS TO US FACILITIES OF INTEREST TO THEM AND WE SEE NO REASON WHY THE US SHOULD BE MORE BASHFUL IN THIS REGARD. TOON

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